U₅₉ - POSSIBLE EXPLANATION

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Perfin pattern U59, like many other perfins listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins* has an "x" in the column indicating that there is supplemental information about the perfin in section VII of the chapter. Unlike most of the entries in the Supplementary Information section, U59 has a raft of entries. The perfin is known precancelled from Webster City, IA despite the Omaha NE origin of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's general offices.

According to the Catalog the perfin was used by

nine other corporate entities including "Union Pacific Stages, Incorporated" and "Interstate Transit Lines, Incorporated." The latter entry has the note "sometimes the corner cards omit Incorporated". Figure 1 may provide the root cause for this notation, which as far as I can determine is not used elsewhere in the Catalog. Please observe the corner card on Figure 1, which notes the corporate user as "INTERSTATE TRANSIT LINES // UNION PACIFIC STAGES, INCORPORATED". The 2¢ Presidential series Adams stamp is punched UP (U59).

